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In re Application of:

Kazuo ISHII

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97

Sir:

In compliance with Rules 56, 97, and 98, enclosed is a modified Form PTO-1449, listing 3 enclosed references cited in a corresponding European Search Report. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the relevance of the references is also enclosed.

RELEVANCE

The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during a search of the corresponding European Search Report. The absence of an English translation or counterpart does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted non-English reference (Rule 98 and MPEP §609).

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE AND FEE

The IDS is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), within three (3) months of the mailing date of the European Search Report with the required certification under 1.97(e). Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), a statement and fee are required. A fee in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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